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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 7 of this paper.